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SUBJECT: RVNAF ASSISTANCE TO FANK

1. EARLIER MESSAGES HAVE POINTED OUT THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MEKONG FOR CAMBODIA'S SURVIVAL, AND PREDICTED THAT CONTROL OF THE RIVER COULD WELL BE THE FIRST CASUALTY WHEN U.S. AIR SUPPORT IS WITHDRAWN.

2. THUS AN IMPORTANT VARIABLE IN HOLDING CAMBODIA IS WHETHER OR NOT THE GVN CAN BE PERSUADED TO PROVIDE:

(A) CONVOY AIR COVER, INCLUDING FAC, FIGHTER, HELICOPTER GUNSHIP AND AC-119 SUPPORT; AND

(B) NAVAL ESCORT AS FAR AS NEAK LOEUNG.

3. CLEARLY A SINE QUA NON IN CONVINCING THE GVN TO PROVIDE SUCH SUPPORT WOULD BE THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE U.S. TO REPLACE EXPENDED AND LOST TIME ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS. AMBASSADOR MARTIN MAY WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THIS AND OTHER ASPECTS.

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4. UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX LEGAL, POLITICAL AND BUDGETARY ISSUES INVOLVED. HOWEVER, NO SINGLE ACTION THAT WE CAN NOW TAKE WOULD BUOY UP KHMER MORALE AS MUCH AS OBTAINING GVN PLEDGE TO HELP PROTECT THE MEKONG.

5. GIVEN EXPECTED GVN HESITATION, BELIEVE THE FIRST STEP OF FORMAL REQUEST BY LON NOL FOR RVNAF SUPPORT MUST BE MADE ASAP.

6. REQUEST THAT NECESSARY AUTHORITIES TO SEEK RVNAF SUPPORT BE GRANTED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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